

LOCAL NEWS.

NEW PUBLICATION.—We understand that the Rev. Septimus Tuston, the respected chaplain of the Senate of the United States, proposes to publish a small work on the "Nature, Duties, and Requirements of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper." To the Christian public, and especially to the young convert, who is desirous of approaching the sacred altar of the communion, such a work will doubtless be welcomed with the most favorable sentiments and the kindest regard. From the experience of Mr. Tuston in his personal relations, the reflections of his own pious and cultivated mind, and his researches among the ablest divines of the Christian church, we feel confident that the forthcoming little volume will recommend itself to the confidence and favor of all Christian people.

THE HUTCHINSON FAMILY.—Notwithstanding the violence of the snow storm on Thursday night, quite a large and fashionable audience greeted these charming songsters on their first appearance in the Metropolis, and were amply repaid in the enjoyment of fine melody—such as in these days we are not wont to hear. The public taste, after having been sated with transatlantic fiddlings and Italian operatic entertainments, seems to be returning to the appreciation of native and good old-fashioned ballads, &c., and we know of none who possess the power of presenting them so agreeably as these children of the "Granite State." Their second concert is announced for this evening, at Carusi's Saloon.

COOKERY.—Miss Leslie has presented to the public another work on the culinary art, which to housekeepers will prove a valuable auxiliary in serving up the good things of life, and will enable them to prepare a variety of dishes which have heretofore been considered inaccessible except to professed cooks. It is entitled "Miss Leslie's French Cookery," and is for sale by G. Brooke, Penn. Avenue, next to Beers's Hotel.

STREET FIGHT.—A fracas occurred on yesterday near the railroad depot, in which a Mr. Fowler, reporter for the Globe, and a Mr. Hart, a correspondent of the New York Evening Post, with some one or two others, whose names we could not hear, participated. Knives were drawn and used, too, as it would seem from the appearance of the combatants after the affray; but nothing serious resulted from it. We have not learned whether the police have discharged their duty in the arrest of these disturbers of the public peace.

ARRIVALS AT THE PRINCIPAL HOTELS.

INDIAN QUEEN (BROWN'S) HOTEL.
J. Mustian, Columbus, Ga.; Benjamin Hank, N. Y.; T. M. Tucker, son, and servant, Columbus, Miss.; John Fox and lady, J. T. Watta, Charleston, S. C.; S. H. Bartlett, N. C.; A. P. Crandell, N. Y.; J. M. Rice, Columbus, S. C.; Samuel Cary, Richmond, Va.; J. M. Price, N. Y.; Capt. O. Ellis, U. S. N.; Alfred P. White, Va.; H. Bigelow, Mr. Newberry, Mich.; J. Nash, Va.; Littleton Tazewell, Richmond, Va.; W. C. Worthington, Jefferson county, Va.; Dr. Crossman, Phila.; M. S. Plummer, Geo. W. Hilleary, Henry Hilleary, Md.

CITY (FULLER'S) HOTEL.
S. H. Porter, Mich.; John Cadwallader, Phila.; H. Fairfax, Va.; R. W. Galager, Henry Galager, Mr. Maclay, N. Y.; J. M. Wainwright, U. S. N.

EUROPEAN (GALABRUS'S) HOTEL.
J. P. Hutchinson, Phila.

EXCHANGE (TYLER'S) HOTEL.
Edmund C. Murdaugh, Fairfax, county, Va.; A. Fisher, Va.; H. M. Denison, Penn.

TEMPERANCE (BEER'S) HOTEL.
J. McCollum, Md.; J. C. Alt, Albany, N. Y.

MASONIC.—FEDERAL LODGE, No. 1.—The melancholy duty devolves upon me to announce to the craft the decease of our beloved brother John W. Hollis, who expired after a brief illness yesterday morning.

The officers and passed officers of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, the members of sister lodges, and all other worthy craftsmen, we fraternally invite to unite with Federal Lodge No. 1 in paying the last tribute of respect to his remains at 10 o'clock this morning.

The procession will be formed at the hall, corner of 12th street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

By order of the R. W. M. **JAMES LAWRENSEN, Secretary.**

COLUMBIA TYPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.—A stated meeting of the Columbia Typographical Society will be held this evening, February 3, at the usual place on C street, at 7½ o'clock.

JAMES WIMER, Recording Secretary.

PUBLIC MEETING.—The citizens of those portions of the 2d, 3d, and 5th wards south of the canal are earnestly requested to meet at the school-house on Maryland Avenue, between 9th and 10th streets, at 7 o'clock this evening, for the purpose of expressing some opinions upon the subject of ward divisions.

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—A protracted meeting is now in progress. The Rev. G. H. Merrill, of Massachusetts, will preach this evening, and every evening during the week. Service 7 o'clock. The public is respectfully invited to attend.

FAIR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.—The ladies attached to the English Evangelical Lutheran congregation propose to hold a Fair for the purpose of procuring funds to aid in the erection of a house of worship, the congregation being at present destitute of a permanent place of worship. It is proposed to hold their Fair at the Apollo Hall, commencing on the 15th instant, when will be sold useful and fancy articles, and refreshments of every variety. It will be open every day and evening, and continue at least two weeks.

To the Christian portion of this community they confidently appeal for their approving assistance, and to the citizens and strangers generally they tender a cordial invitation, that by their benevolent purchases they may contribute to the praiseworthy object of rearing another temple in this city to the worship and service of the living God.

An excellent and well tried band of musicians will perform every evening in the hall. **Jan 12**

CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.
Friday, February 2, 1844.

The Board of Aldermen met, and passed a resolution asking a joint meeting with the Board of Common Council, which was acceded to by that Board, and the two Boards assembled in joint meeting in the chamber of the Board of Aldermen.

James Adams, President of the Board of Aldermen, was called to the Chair, and Richard Barry, Secretary of the Board of Common Council, appointed to act as Secretary.

The following report of the joint committee in reference to the city charter was then taken up:

The joint committee recommend that the committee appointed to attend to the interests of this Corporation before Congress be instructed to use their exertions to procure the passage by Congress of a supplementary act containing the following amendments to the charter of this city, in lieu of the bill lately introduced in the House of Representatives:

Of these amendments the following is a synopsis:

The 1st section extends the boundaries of the city to the middle of the channel of the Anacostia river or Eastern Branch, and with the middle of the said channel until it meets with the middle of the southern or main channel of the Potomac river; thence up the said river, with the middle of the said southern or main channel of the said river, until it comes opposite to the middle of the mole erected by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company across the mouth of Rock creek; thence to the middle of the said mole; thence by the middle of Rock creek until it comes due west of the beginning stone of said boundaries.

The 2d section provides that the Corporation shall have full power and authority to lay and collect a tax of not exceeding three-fourths of one per centum upon the assessed value of all public and private securities, of stocks of all kinds, and of every other description of property owned or held by the inhabitants of the said city, and to compel persons to furnish, when required by the assessors, a full and correct list of all property, by law taxable, held by them, and to punish with suitable fines and penalties persons refusing to furnish such lists; to lay and collect a poll-tax upon every free white male citizen, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, of one dollar per annum; to provide for licensing, taxing, and regulating money-lenders and wholesale dealers; to lay and collect taxes for the support of public schools, &c., &c.

The 3d section provides that there shall be a Board of Assessors, to consist of one from each ward, to be elected by the qualified voters therein, at the regular annual elections; and any person eligible to a seat in the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council of the said city, may be elected assessor. Said Board of Assessors shall assess and value, and make return of all and every species of property by law taxable, and of all persons by this act made subject to a poll-tax, in the said city, under such regulations as the said Corporation shall prescribe.

The 4th section provides that every free white male citizen of the United States, who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, and who shall have resided in the City of Washington one year immediately preceding the day of election, and shall be a resident of the ward in which he shall offer to vote, and shall have been either assessed on the books of the said Corporation, or returned as subject to a poll-tax, for the year ending on the 31st day of December next preceding the day of election, and shall have paid all poll and other personal taxes which may be due from him, except persons *non compos mentis*, vagrants, paupers, or persons who shall have been convicted of any infamous crime, shall be entitled to vote for Mayor, members of the Board of Aldermen, and Board of Common Council, assessors, and for every officer authorized to be chosen at any election under this act, or the acts to which it is supplementary.

The 5th section provides that within four months after the passage of this act, the Corporation of Washington shall cause an enumeration of the inhabitants of the said city to be taken, and shall, before the first Monday in May, 1845, divide the said city into seven wards, by lines running due north and south; each of which wards shall contain, as near as may be, an equal number of the inhabitants of the said city; and within six months after every enumeration of the inhabitants of the said city, which may hereafter be made at a general census of the United States, the said Corporation shall, unless the number of inhabitants in each of the then existing wards shall be found to be, as near as may be, equal, cause the said city to be divided into not less than seven wards, by lines running due north and south, each of which wards shall contain, as near as may be, an equal number of the inhabitants of the said city.

The 6th section provides that so much of the act of the 15th May, 1820, incorporating the inhabitants of the city of Washington, or of any other act or acts, or parts of acts, as requires that the taxes raised on the assessable property in each ward, shall be expended therein and in no other, after providing for all objects of a general nature, or that requires that the expenses of repairing and improving certain streets, shall be paid out of the taxes raised in particular wards, or that requires separate accounts to be kept of the funds and expenditures of each ward, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and the said Corporation shall have full power and authority to appropriate and expend the money which may be raised from taxes or otherwise, in the said city, in such manner and for such purposes, without regard to the wards in which it may have been raised, as the said Corporation may deem expedient and proper for the general welfare of the said city; and all the existing debts of the several wards of the said city shall be transferred to the general fund of the said city, and shall thereafter be taken and considered as a part of the general funded debt of the said city, and as such, the interest and principal of the same shall be paid out of the general funds of the said city; and in future there shall be no separate ward funds and expenditures, or accounts of the same, as such: *Provided*, That this section shall not go into effect until the said city shall have been divided into seven wards, as required by this act, and an election had therein.

The 7th section relates to the collection of taxes.

The 8th section provides that the Commissioner of Public Buildings shall, from time to time, cause to be opened and improved, such avenues and streets, or parts thereof, as the President of the United States shall, upon application of the Corporation of Washington, deem necessary for the public convenience, and direct to be done;

and he shall defray the expenses thereof out of any money arising, or which shall have arisen, from the sale of lots in the city of Washington belonging to the United States, and from no other fund.

The 9th section provides that the Justices of the Peace which may be, from time to time, selected by the said Corporation to enforce the police regulations of the said city, and to issue all warrants, and to hear and determine all cases, within their jurisdiction, in which the Corporation shall be plaintiffs, shall have power to compel the attendance of witnesses by attachment, and to punish them by fine, not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment, not exceeding thirty days, for refusing obedience to a summons.

The 10th section provides that the Commissioner of Public Buildings be required to perform the duties required of the City Commissioner by the 14th section of the act of the 26th of May, 1824, supplementary to the act incorporating the inhabitants of the city of Washington.

The 11th section provides that the Corporation shall not have power to increase the present funded debt of the said Corporation, either by borrowing money or otherwise, unless it shall be agreed to do so by two-thirds of the legal voters of the said city at an annual election.

The 12th section provides that the Corporation of Washington shall have full power and authority to pass all laws which may be necessary to carry into full effect the powers granted to the said Corporation, or to any of its officers, by this act, or the act or acts to which it is supplementary.

The 13th section provides that hereafter the Justices of the Peace for Washington county, in the District of Columbia, shall be appointed for two years only.

After a conference of two hours, which resulted in no definitive action, the joint meeting dissolved, and the two Boards assembled in their respective chambers.

In the Board of Aldermen, the report of the committee as printed was taken up.

Mr. Barclay moved to amend the second section by striking out the poll tax; which was decided in the negative.

Ayes: Messrs. Magruder, Barclay, Beck, Adams, Brady, and Clark—6.

Nays: Messrs. Orme, Wilson, Goddard, Maury, Byington, and Marshall—6.

Mr. Wilson moved to amend the same section in the 8th line by inserting after the words "per annum" the words "who has not been otherwise assessed."

Mr. Orme moved to adjourn; which motion was lost.

The question was then taken on Mr. Wilson's amendment, and stood as follows:

Ayes: Messrs. Magruder, Barclay, Wilson, Orme, Goddard, Adams, Brady, Marshall, and Clark—9.

Nays: Messrs. Maury, Beck, and Byington—3.

Mr. Magruder moved to strike out all after the enacting clause and insert as follows:

Resolved, That the committee appointed to attend to the interests of this Corporation before Congress, be instructed earnestly to oppose the passage of a bill introduced into the House of Representatives of the United States on the sixth of January, 1844, entitled "A bill to amend and continue in force the act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington," and to represent to that body that it is the opinion of this corporation that it is inexpedient at this time to make any amendments to the existing charter.

The question on the above was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Magruder, Beck, Adams, Marshall, and Clark—5.

Nays: Messrs. Barclay, Orme, Wilson, Goddard, Maury, and Byington—6.

The Board of Aldermen was still in session when our paper went to press.

BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL.

Friday, February 2, 1844.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment. All the members present.

Mr. Lenox, from the Committee to whom was referred the Mayor's communication of the 15th ult., transmitting a copy of the bill introduced in Congress to amend and continue in force the Charter of the City, made a report concluding with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee before Congress be and they are hereby authorized to remonstrate against the passage of said bill, and urge upon Congress, the adoption of the supplementary act, in lieu thereof.

The resolution and accompanying act, having been read,

A message was received from the Board of Aldermen, that they have adopted a resolution that the two Boards will meet in joint meeting at 3½ o'clock this evening for the purpose of having a free conference in relation to the amendments proposed to the charter of the City.

The last named resolution was taken up and adopted.

And the Board on motion took a recess for the purpose of going into joint meeting.

And the two Boards having accordingly assembled in Joint Meeting, James Adams, Esq. was called to the chair, and Richard Barry appointed Secretary.

[See Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.]

The Board of Common Council having resumed its session,

The report of the committee respecting amendments to the city charter, was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Davis moved to amend the second section by striking out the following words: "to lay and collect a poll tax upon every free white male citizen of the age of twenty-one years and upwards of one dollar per annum;" and the motion was negatived as follows:

Ayes: Messrs. Wilson, Harrison, Davis, McCauley, Dixon, Neale, Fulmer, Crandell, Cull—9.

Nays: Messrs. Haliday, Mudd, Callan, Lenox, Bacon, Towers, Hicks, Lynch, and French—9.

Mr. Towers moved an amendment exempting from taxation wearing apparel, tools, and implements of trade, &c., and a so exempting them from distress and sale for any tax; which was agreed to.

Mr. Dixon moved to amend the clause imposing a poll tax by adding the following words: "Provided, That no such tax shall be imposed upon individuals who have been otherwise assessed;" which, after debate, was agreed to by the following vote—

Ayes: Messrs. Wilson, Harrison, Davis, Hicks, McCauley, Dixon, Neale, Fulmer, Crandell, and Cull—10.

Nays: Messrs. Haliday, Mudd, Callan, Lenox, Bacon, Towers, Lynch, and French—8.

Previous to the adoption of this amendment, Mr. Bacon suggested that the poll tax be retained, as in the report; and gave notice of an intention to move that the proceeds from it be applied for the support of common schools.

Before any further order was had, the Board, on motion of Mr. Davis, adjourned by the same vote as the last.

FISH'S HATS!!

SPLENDID first quality Beaver, Cassimere, Mole-skin, and Brush Hats, of the finest fabric, and finished in our inimitable style. To those also, disposed to retrenchment and economy, we offer excellent imitations of the above articles at prices varying from \$2 to \$3.

FISH & CO.,
Hatters, Brown's Hotel.

A RARE CHANCE—SUPERFINE CLOTHING TO BE DISPOSED OF.—The subscriber being desirous of lessening his stock of fine winter goods, will dispose of superior clothing to the amount of \$600 by drawing lots for the same—the articles to be selected from his extensive assortment of fashionable ready-finished clothing, or to be ordered and finished in the very first style within ten days:

1. Coat and pantaloons, superfine cloth, (any color) and vest to match	45
2. Do do do do do	45
3. Do do do do do	45
4. Do do do do do	40
5. Do do do do do	40
6. Do do do do do	40
7. Superfine cloth cloak	45
8. Do do do do do	40
9. Do do do do do	35
10. Superfine dress or frock coat	28
11. Do do do do do	25
12. Do beaver cloth overcoat	25
13. Do beaver Chesterfield sack	20
14. One boy's suit, sup. blue cl'th splendidly braided	20
15. Do do do do do	20
16. Do do do do do	10
17. Do do do do do	10
18. Pair pantaloons, superfine cloth	12
19. Do do do do do	11
20. Do do do do do	10
21. Do do do do do	9
22. Vest super velvet	8
23. Vest English satin	6
24. Do do do do do	6
25. Do do do do do	5

Gentlemen are respectfully invited to call and take chances at the stores of C. ECKLOFF, opposite Brown's Hotel and between 12th and 13th streets, Pennsylvania avenue, \$3 each. It is desired to decide by the 12th February next. **Feb 1—3t**

CASH SALE OF VALUABLE FURNITURE.—On F. between 11th and 12th streets, west. The household and kitchen furniture of Count Deminow, seized and taken for rent in arrears, due Willard Drake; among which are: one box of French and English books; six chairs; one mahogany bureau and book case; China and glass ware; three mahogany tables; two clothes presses; one large book case and books; one mahogany writing desk; one sofa bed; two trunks; several easy chairs; coats and mattresses, with many other articles.

JOHN WATERS, Bailiff.

Sale to take place on Monday, February 5, 1844, at 10 o'clock, A. M. **Jan 30—4td**

SPLENDID PIANO FORTES.—Persons wishing Piano Fortes are invited to call at CONCERT HALL, (Todd's rooms) and examine six superior toned instruments, from the factory of Joseph Hisky, Baltimore. Among them is a splendid upright piano, made for the President's House, which, if not disposed of at private sale, will be put up at RAFFLE.

The instruments will be sold cheap for cash or note, with an approved endorser.

JOHN H. HEWITT, Agent.

Feb 2—eo3t [Nat. Intel.]

GENTLEMEN disposed to subscribe to a Grand Fancy Dress Ball, to be given at Carusi's Saloon at a date to be hereafter mentioned, will leave their names at the Post Office Café, corner of 7th and E streets.

If a sufficient number of subscribers are obtained, a Ball unequalled for brilliancy and novelty will come off at as early a date as practicable. **Feb 2—3t**

FOR SALE OR RENT.—Two two story Brick Houses, on New Jersey avenue, two squares from the Capitol. They are finished with basement rooms and large areas in front; folding doors to the parlors; three handsome chambers in the second story, and finished attics; the hill is being graded, and brick footways laid. These are good comfortable houses, and, to a good tenant, will be let low, or sold at a reasonable price. Apply to **R. PATTEN,** Jan 30—4t Penn. Av., betw. 10th and 11th sts.

FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS.—The subscriber will open to-day—

Rich and beautiful Silks, latest style

Light colored Silks, for evening dresses

Watered and plain light colored Satins, for evening dresses

White, blue-black, and black Satins

Thin materials for evening dresses

Tartan Crapes and Muslins

Swiss and book Muslins

Superfine lace Cambrics

Long and short white silk and kid Gloves

White and black silk Hosiery

Linen cambric Handkerchiefs, a large supply

Also, a large assortment of cheap Staple Goods, amongst which are—

Superfine Cloths, black, blue, invisible green, &c.

Superfine Cassimeres, every fashionable style

Cassimere, Flannels, and Blankets

Sheetings, Table Diapers, and Towelling

Handsome cloth table Covers

Irish Linens, Long Cloth Shirtings, &c.

Purchasers are respectfully invited to call.

R. C. WASHINGTON.

Jan 10—1w

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL SEED STORE.

As it is very important to the farmers, gardeners, amateurs, and seed dealers to purchase where they can get fresh and genuine seeds, the subscriber most respectfully informs the agricultural and horticultural community that he has now opened his new Seed and Implement Store, adjoining his green-house, where the farmers, gardeners, and amateurs can provide themselves with fresh Garden and Flower Seeds, all of the best quality. If any garden or flower seeds should prove to be bad when sown in proper time and manner, and season the least favorable, for such fresh seeds will be given or the money will be returned.

Seed dealers supplied by the pound, bushel, or barrel, at a liberal discount, and on terms equal to any wholesale and retail establishment in any of the Northern or Eastern cities.

JOHN DOUGLAS,

Florist and Seedman, corner 15th and G streets, opposite the State Department.

Jan 19—eo2w

COAL COAL!! COAL!!!—The subscribers in form the public that they have only about 200 tons of that celebrated Butler Egg Coal, suitable for stoves, which they will sell, if early application be made, at the low price of \$6 per ton. Those who are in want of the article, would do well to make an early application.

Jan 31—6toed JOHN PETTIBONE & CO.

CHOICE CIGARS, CHEWING, AND SMOKING TOBACCO, &c.—The subscriber would respectfully invite the attention of the lovers of a genuine cigar to call and examine the stock he has just opened. He does not hesitate to recommend them as equal, in every respect, to any now in Washington, and no mistake. Among his assortment will be found the following favorite brands—

Minas and Anchor Regalia

La Favorita, La Norma, Panetela

Lavellabagers, Canones, Dima

Carantizada, Esperanza, Pescatore,

Nonpareil, Imperial, Constantias

Castello or Rida, Estrella, El Laurel

El Desrelo, and Principe of several brands

Also on hand a lot of fine chewing and smoking Tobacco of various kinds, and the most approved Snuffs in use, to all of which he invites the attention of the public before purchasing elsewhere.

JOSEPH H. FRANCE,

7th street between D and E streets,

dec 16 and 2d door above the Intelligencer office.

BLACK AND WHITESMITHING IN GENERAL.—The subscriber would respectfully inform his friends and the public generally, that he still continues the above business in all its variety, at his old stand on C street, between 10th and 11th streets west, opposite Carusi's saloon, where all orders will be thankfully received and punctually attended to. He makes and puts up hand-railing and palisading to order in a superior manner and on as reasonable terms as can be done in the city, and all other work done in his line of business in proportion to the times.

N. B. Iron pumps furnished and put up in cisterns or wells to order.

C. BUCKINGHAM.

Jan 13—1m

CITY TAXES.—10 per cent. deduction for prompt payment.—Notice is hereby given that the Taxes for the year 1843 are now due and receivable at the Collector's Office, City Hall; and that, by authority of an ordinance of the Corporation, an abatement of ten per cent. will be allowed upon all bills for said year which shall be paid during the months of January and February.

A. ROTHWELL, Collector.

Jan 19—2aw6wif

POOR MAN'S PLAISTER'S for curing pains or weakness in the breast, side, back, or limbs—also, Euen's and Wells' celebrated strengthening plaisters, just received at **GILMAN'S,** (late Todd's) Drug Store.

Jan 11—

VALUABLE BOOKS FOR SALE.—The subscriber offers for sale the following valuable books: